

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application, of which claims 1, 3 and 4 have been amended. No new claims have been added.

In a telephone interview with the Examiner conducted on March 6, 2009, Applicant's agent, William Brooks, discussed how Nakamura's teaching of a resistor connected to ground fails to provide a constant current circuit, and that usually an active element is required to produce a constant current. The Examiner was persuaded by this argument, and he indicated that if the claims were to be amended to include the words "employing an active element," all of the prior art rejections based on Nakamura would be overcome. However, he indicated that a Request for Continued Examination would have to be filed and a new search conducted because this application is "After Final."

Accordingly, claims 1, 3 and 4 have been so amended, and claims 1-5, as amended, and now in condition for further examination.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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